

MINUTES OF MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 1978 MEETING

15th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

Stamford, Connecticut

A regular monthly meeting of the 15th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut was held on Monday, August 7, 1978, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives, in the Municipal Office Building, Second Floor, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut. (There was an Adjourned Meeting on Monday, August 14, 1978, to complete the Agenda.)

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 P.M. by Majority Leader Michael Morgan, who was ACTING PRESIDENT, after both parties had met in lengthy caucuses.

INVOCATION: The Rev. Constantine Mathews, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Newfield Ave., Stamford.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by Acting President MICHAEL G. MORGAN.

PAGES: MISS KELLI CORBO, 8th grade student at Cloonan Middle School and daughter of City Rep. F. Corbo.

MISS KATE THERESE HUGGINS, Timberland Jr. High School, Pennington, N.J.

MISS KERRI CORBO, An Assistant Page, daughter of City Rep. F. Corbo.

ROLL CALL: CLERK DIANE RAYMOND called the Roll. There were 36 members present, and 4 members absent. The absent members were Reps. Rybnick (illness), Ventura, Carlucci, and Fox (excused).

The CHAIR declared a QUORUM.

MR. MORGAN recognized MR. GEORGE BAXTER.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

MR. BAXTER: Mr. Morgan, I know that at our last meeting, the Board had decided to take up any MOMENTS OF SILENCE at the end of the meeting, but I ask the Board's indulgence to take up, and ask for, a MOMENT OF SILENCE in memory of HIS HOLINESS POPE PAUL VI, who will be missed by many, and was loved by many, and in that Moment of Silence as we remember him, I ask that we also remember all men and women of whatever faith and whatever stage in life who dedicated their lives to God.

MR. WIESLEY requested a five-minute recess for the Republicans in their caucus room.

RECESS: From 9:55 P.M. to 10:05 P.M.

MR. MORGAN called the meeting to order and said he would announce the appointments to several Special Committees. He said, for the record, the CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE had already been appointed, and the 5 members are:

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE - Ralph Loomis, Chairman (R)

Marie Hawe (R)

Diane Raymond (D)

Paul Esposito (D)

John Robie (D)

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE STERLING FARMS GOLF AUTHORITY: (6)

Chairman George Baxter	(D)	S. A. Signore	(R)
Mildred Perillo	(D)	Jeanne-Lois Santy	(R)
Henry Markiewicz	(D)	Richard Ferrara	(R)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT & DISPOSAL PROGRAM: (7)

Chairman Michael P. Feighan	(D)	Robert DeLuca	(R)
Charles Wilmot	(D)	Florenzio Corbo	(R)
John Schlechtweg	(D)	Everett Pollard	(R)
John Boccuzzi	(D)		

CHECK OF THE VOTING MACHINE: The machine was found to be in good working order.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

MR. SCHLECTWEG MOVED to accept the minutes of the Special Budget Meeting of May 10, 1978. SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI said he would add to the context of the general minutes, all those motions that were made both on May 10th and May 11th, even though they failed. He MOVED that those motions be made a part of the permanent record of the May 10, 1978 Special Budget Meeting. SECONDED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said that in years prior to last year and the year before, the minutes were presented quite similar to the way they were presented this year, where every motion made by a member was not individually presented.

MR. ZELINSKI said even if motions were defeated, whether by a close margin or a large margin, it should be a part of the permanent record so if anyone wanted to come into the office to see how their individual Representative voted, or made motions pertaining to a specific issue, it should be so noted.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on Mr. Zelinski's motion to expand the minutes and the MOTION CARRIED with 18 YES, 16 NO.

MR. MORGAN then called for a vote on the MAIN MOTION to accept the minutes of the May 10th meeting. The voice vote was unanimous to accept and the MOTION CARRIED.

MR. SCHLECHTWEG MOVED for acceptance of the Adjourned Special Budget Meeting of May 11, 1978. SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI said he would like to reiterate the same motion, that all motions that were made at the May 11th meeting, even though they failed, are to be recorded in the context of minutes of May 11, 1978, and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on Mr. Zelinski's Motion to include the different motions of the members. The MOTION was APPROVED with 25 YES, 10 NO.

MR. MORGAN then called for a vote on the MAIN MOTION to accept the minutes of the May 11th meeting. The voice indicated all yes votes, with one no vote.

MR. FERRARA said he was a bit confused on the motions made to amend the minutes, to expand the minutes, and how can he vote before he reads the expanded minutes, and he would not vote for them, not knowing what is going to be in them.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES (continued)

MR. SCHLECHTWEG MOVED to hold all of the minutes, and to make a motion that the Leadership discuss the expanding of the minutes being written, the procedure in which they are now written.

MR. BAXTER said he wished to ask about an item in the July 10th minutes which bears upon the committee just assigned to him, about the investigative powers given, the sheriff's fees, cost of transcripts, etc.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he thought both powers were given but that the tapes could be listened to for confirmation.

MR. BAXTER said after they finish with the motion on the floor, he would propose that the second paragraph dealing with Charter Section 206 be made the substance of a separate resolution, with Section 204.2 being covered in the first resolution.

MR. ZELINSKI said he would like to take first things first. That they were voting on May 10th and May 11th minutes and he understood we passed those minutes with the corrections or amendments that he asked for in both cases. He said before we rescind that motion, he wished to point out that all he asked for was not to add anything new that did not take place that evening, only just who made the motions, what the motions were, and what the results of the voting was. He said further that he hoped they could still pass the May 10th and May 11th minutes tonight because there is nothing more than the various motions that were defeated the night of May 10th and May 11th.

MR. MORGAN said Mr. Signore had made a motion to reconsider the vote on approving the May 10th and May 11th minutes as amended by Mr. Zelinski. MOVED and SECONDED TO RECONSIDER. The voice vote was unanimous and the Motion Carried.

MR. SCHLECHTWEG MOVED to hold the May 10th and May 11th minutes. SECONDED.

MR. WIDER said he saw no reason to hold these minutes when all the motion that has to be made is to accept them with the necessary corrections; that's all there is to it, and he doesn't see why we have to hold these minutes to deal with them at a later date.

MR. ESPOSITO said he wished to re-affirm that we're talking about substantial changes here and he would like to see the minutes before he approves any substantial changes.

MR. HAYS said he wanted to comment that literally hundreds of motions were made in the course of those two nights, probably a hundred by Mr. Zelinski himself, and a hundred by others, and that's a lot of changes that we should have the privilege of reading on paper before we vote to approve.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on the Motion to hold May 10th and May 11th, and it was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. MORGAN said we'd move to the Special Meeting of June 15, 1978.

MR. DeLUCA said he didn't think we could even vote on this because Reps. Santy, Signore and he requested a legal opinion on whether this meeting was legal or not since Acting Mayor Gerald Rybnick sat in on the meeting and participated.

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ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES (continued)

MR. SCHLECHTWEG withdrew his Motion; and made a new Motion to hold June 15th minutes. SECONDED.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote and the MOTION CARRIED to HOLD June 15th minutes.

MR. SCHLECHTWEG MOVED to accept July 10, 1978 minutes. SECONDED.

MRS. PERILLO said she would like a correction made in the July 10th minutes, just a correction on page 8 where it has Mrs. Perillo saying about the gasoline. It was Mr. Perillo that said it. She knew about it, but he said it.

MR. POLLARD said it would be appropriate to address Mr. Baxter's point right now. He doesn't have Corporation Counsel's opinion but the wording of the provisions under which the Sterling Farms Golf Authority was established appeared to him to contain subpoena powers inherent in them; there seems to be confusion and doubt as to whether or not that's true so he doesn't know if we can accept the minutes of July 10th until that question is resolved.

MR. FERRARA said that in light of that he would like to MOVE to HOLD the July 10th minutes for further clarification of subpoena powers.

MR. BAXTER said he would like to try to cut through this. On the radio as he listened to the Board meeting, he heard Mr. Pollard mention by number, Sec. 204.2 and that section clearly and explicitly gives the Committee subpoena powers. His question was on Section 206, which in addition to the subpoena powers, gives the Committee the authority to incur whatever expenses are necessary in furtherance of this investigation without needing Board of Finance or Mayoral approval, etc. He had no doubt that they did Sec. 204.2 but he doesn't remember hearing 206 and that is what he is asking the Board to confirm now.

MR. ZELINSKI said he didn't wish to belabor the point but something really distresses him quite a bit and that on page 15 of the July 10th minutes, and he knows we're holding them, and he hopes this will be corrected, but under Personnel Committee, Item #2, the matter of Edmund Kryspin complaint, it says "reported on progress on this matter which is still an on-going basis" -- for the record, and the tapes will substantiate this 100%, my committee gave a finalized report and made specific recommendations and a motion and resolution was passed, and I don't see how that whole thing was lost, and that one sentence is the only thing in the minutes. I would hope that this would also be corrected so when these minutes come before the Board next time, we don't have to take the time and I would also, if it would be... I'll wait until we hold this.

MR. MORGAN said those changes would be made even though they do not pertain to Mr. Ferrara's motion to hold the minutes. He called for a vote and the minutes are HELD for July 10th.

MR. BAXTER MOVED to SUSPEND THE RULES, which was SECONDED and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. He moved that the first paragraph of Resolution #1172 referring to Section 204.2 be the principal subject of that resolution; and that another resolution be passed covering Charter Section 206 which would empower the Committee to expend funds necessary to carry out the charge of the Committee. He then referred to the second paragraph of Resolution #1172 which is to be the new and second resolution.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES (continued)

SECONDED by Mr. Pollard and many others.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on Mr. Baxter's motion, which is to add the ability to spend money on the newly-created committee for Sterling Farms Golf Authority investigation. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. ZELINSKI MOVED that from now on all minutes of Board meetings be verbatim as he understands that it is easier and quicker to type them verbatim than to take the time to edit them each month and each month make corrections, amendments, etc.

MR. BOCCUZZI asked for a POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE, saying it is 10:30 and we have discussed nothing but minutes. That if we have a problem, he would move that the Leadership take care of it and determine what would be most satisfactory.

MR. MORGAN said Mr. Zelinski's motion was not seconded, but before it is, he wished to say it is out-of-order, that it is the responsibility of the Clerk, according to the Rules, to supervise the performance of the office duties including the preparation of the minutes, and the Leadership will continue to look into this as suggested by Mr. Boccuzzi's motion.

MR. ZELINSKI said he is completely dissatisfied with the way the minutes are being done. Whoever has the responsibility should have them corrected. Each month for the past three months, we've been correcting minutes and again they should be done, now whether it's the Leadership or the Clerk, somebody should do it. I believe I have the floor, Mr. Feighan.

MR. FEIGHAN said since Mr. Zelinski was ruled out-of-order, that should end the discussion.

MR. ZELINSKI said Mr. Morgan asked him to speak.

MR. MORGAN said he ruled Mr. Zelinski out-of-order, and he didn't realize he was going to continue discussion on something that was closed. He said we should now move to the APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

MR. SCHLECHTWEG MOVED to WAIVE the reading of the Steering Committee Report. It was SECONDED and CARRIED.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

The STEERING COMMITTEE met on Monday, July 24, 1978, in the Democratic Caucus Room. The meeting was called for 7:30 p.m. and began at 7:50 p.m. as soon as a quorum was achieved.

Mr. Fox called the meeting to order. Present were Members Fox, Raymond, Dixon, Goldstein, Feighan, Zelinski, Wilmot, Blum, A. Perillo, Wider, Wiesley, Sherer, and Ritchie. Absent were Members Morgan, Schlechtweg, Carlucci, Hays, and Loomis. Also present were Members DeLuca, Corbo, and Markiewicz, as well as the media.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)(1) COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

MR. FOX announced appointments to the CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE, with Ralph Loomis as Chairman, and Marie Hawe, Diane Raymond, Paul Esposito, and John Robie; five members total.

(2) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

Twelve names were submitted by the Mayor, of which six were ordered ON THE AGENDA, being Michael Sherman for Corporation Counsel, Helen Ellis for Human Rights Commission, Alex Lichtenheim for Sewer Commission; three for the Sterling Farms Golf Authority being Anthony Dastoli, Frank Noto, Thomas Davis. Those HELD IN COMMITTEE for consideration next month were Robert Kraus for Personnel Commission, Melville Young as Alternate for Planning Board, Harry Alter for Board of Tax Review, John McCormack for Fair Rent Commission, Peter Stekla for Sterling Farms Golf Authority, and Paul Kuczo for Environmental Protection Board.

(3) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (FISCAL) ITEMS:

Of the 27 items on the Tentative Steering Agenda, five were HELD IN COMMITTEE, and twenty-two were ordered ON THE AGENDA. One additional item proposed by Rep. DeLuca in his letter of July 24th was ordered held in committee.

The items held in committee were \$736.00 for Transportation Department; \$14,000.00 for Personnel Dept.; \$9,491.90 for Law Dept.; \$2,950.00 for Purchasing Dept.; \$35,000.00 for Personnel Dept.

(4) LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

Of the nine items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda, five were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA; one was transferred to Planning & Zoning (re zoning law violations and rock-crushing and gravel operation); one transferred to Education, Welfare and Government (re recent changes in Franklin School by Bd. of Ed.); and held in committee were the amendment to the code re roach infestation, and re-establishment of Greater Stamford Transit District. Two other items were proposed during the course of the meeting, one being Rep. Corbo's proposal for an ordinance relating to the Code of Ethics and this was ORDERED ON THE AGENDA. The other was Wescott Assn.'s request for an ordinance to appoint 3 alternates to the Board of Finance as permitted by State Statutes, and this was ordered held in committee.

For the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, the matter of Kryspin was ordered ON THE AGENDA. The Special Police Force and their training was ordered HELD to determine whether this was only for the Police Association to handle and not this Board's jurisdiction. The matter of Civil Service status relating to Housing Authority employees was ordered ON THE AGENDA. The item of Title VI CETA \$30,000 grant to this Board for CETA employees to work in this office was ordered OFF THE AGENDA.

For PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE, ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were two matters, one relating to Pitney-Bowes' request to discontinue Crosby St. and the other relating to zoning law violations and rock-crushing and gravel operations. The matter of acceptance of Swampscott Road was held in committee.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

For the PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, the one item of enforcement of Ord. #340 re Fall leaf pick-up and spring clean-up citywide was ordered held in committee for the September meeting.

For the PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, one item was ordered ON THE AGENDA. One item was ordered held in committee, being the Parks Dept./Board of Recreation lines of authority. Two items were ordered off the agenda, being letter from Michelle Bogdanski re deplorable conditions at City's beaches; and Andrew Knapp's letter re Kweskin Barn Theatre, supporting same.

For the EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, the one item relating to Franklin School and recent changes was ordered OFF the agenda.

For the SEWER COMMITTEE, three matters all relating to sewer tie-ins in the High Ridge Road-Turn-of-River area were ordered on the agenda.

For the URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE, both items were ordered on the agenda.

For the TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, the one item was ordered on the agenda.

For the new CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE, one item was put on their agenda, being John L. Santariga's letter re Charter Revision.

Under COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS and INDIVIDUALS, the one matter about the legality of the June 15, 1978 Special Meeting was ordered on the agenda.

There being no further business to come before the STEERING COMMITTEE, on MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED and CARRIED, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:55 P.M. Some members lingered til 9:15 p.m. to discuss various matters.

JOHN WAYNE FOX, Chairman  
Steering Committee

HMM:MS

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Handy Dixon

MR. DIXON said his Committee met Thursday, August 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. and then again this evening at 6:45 p.m., for the purpose of interviewing persons appointed by the Mayor to various positions. Present and participating were Reps. M. Perillo, Maihock, Wiesley, Schlechtweg, Signore, Pollard, Dixon. He said the names of those interviewed differ to some degree from those listed on the agenda and it will be necessary to ask for Suspension of Rules to consider those who were added. First is MICHAEL S. SHERMAN for CORPORATION COUNSEL, and the Committee voted unanimously for his confirmation and he so MOVED. SECONDED by Mr. Wiesley.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on Mr. Sherman's confirmation and it CARRIED WITH all YES except for 1 NO vote being Mr. DeLuca.

CORPORATION COUNSEL:

(1) MICHAEL S. SHERMAN (R)  
Greenleaf Drive  
(replacing Wm. Murray  
who resigned)

APPROVED;  
1 No vote (DeLuca)  
rest YES votes

Term Expires:

Nov. 30, 1979

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Term Expires:

(2) MRS. HELEN ELLIS (R)

NAME WITHDRAWN  
MOVED OUT OF CITY

Dec. 1, 1980

75 Revonah Avenue

(Held in Committee 6/5

& 7/10/77; Reappointment)

MR. DIXON said Mrs. Ellis has been withdrawn from this appointment and has moved from the City.

MR. DIXON said next is Mr. Alex Lichtenheim who is being held awaiting a vacancy on the Sewer Commission which should occur sometime in November or first of December.

SEWER COMMISSION

(3) ALEX LICHTENHEIM (D)

HELD IN COMMITTEE  
(awaiting vacancy)

Dec. 1, 1980

101 Bridge Street

(Held in Committee 5/1, 6/5,  
6/26.)

MR. DIXON said next is Mr. Dastoli and the Committee voted unanimously for his approval and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote and Mr. Dastoli was CONFIRMED UNANIMOUSLY, for Sterling Farms Golf Authority.

MR. DIXON said Mr. Frank Noto is next for Sterling Farms and the Committee voted unanimously for his confirmation and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on Mr. Noto and he was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. DIXON said Thomas J. Davis is the next appointee, also for Sterling Farms, and the Committee endorsed him UNANIMOUSLY, and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on Mr. Davis and Mr. Davis was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

STERLING FARMS GOLF AUTHORITY

(4) ANTHONY DASTOLI (D)

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Jan. 1, 1981

Larkspur Road

(Held in Comm. 5/22, 6/26)

(Replacing E.Callahan, term expired)

(5) FRANK NOTO (D)

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Jan. 1, 1981

1123 Shippan Ave.

(Held in Comm. 5/22, 6/26)

(Replacing M.Holahan, term expired)

(6) THOMAS J. DAVIS (R)

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Jan. 1, 1979

1834 Newfield Ave.

(Held in Comm. 6/26)

(Replacing V.Capparizzo, resigned)

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DIXON said next is Paul Kuczo for the Environmental Protection Board. The Committee was unanimous in their approval of Mr. Kuczo and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on Mr. Kuczo's confirmation and it was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

(7) PAUL J. KUCZO (D) APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY  
239 Briar Brae Road  
(replacing Mary LaVelle, resigned)

Term Expires:  
Dec. 1, 1979

MR. DIXON MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES to bring out of committee the name of PETER STEKLA for Sterling Farms Golf Authority. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. DIXON said the Committee voted unanimously for Mr. Stekla and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote and Mr. Stekla was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

STERLING FARMS GOLF AUTHORITY

(8) PETER STEKLA (R) APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY  
31 Elmcroft Road  
(Held in Comm. 6/26)  
(Replacing F.Chicattell, term expired)

Jan. 1, 1981

MR. DIXON said this completes his report.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Sandra Goldstein

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal met on August 8, 1978. Present were Representatives Ritchie, Hawe, Livingston, Wiesley, Zelinski, and Goldstein. She said on the Fiscal agenda for tonight are items totalling \$2,301,517.00 requesting fiscal appropriations. Of this \$1,763,222.00 are for reimbursable grants. In addition, Fiscal voted to HOLD \$221,435.00, and CUT \$8,960.00 from one request.

Note: The following items were voted by Fiscal to go on the Consent Agenda but ~~-----~~ were removed from Consent Agenda for reasons noted:

Fiscal #2 - \$ 6,954.00 BOARD OF EDUCATION - Mr. Signore wishes to discuss.  
Fiscal #3 - \$ 68,782.67 BOARD OF EDUCATION - Mr. Signore wishes to discuss.  
Fiscal #4 - \$824,594.00 BOARD OF EDUCATION - Mr. Signore wishes to discuss.  
Fiscal #5 - \$202,299.00 BOARD OF EDUCATION - Mr. Signore wishes to discuss.  
Fiscal #9 - \$ 2,180.00 HEALTH DEPT. - Health & Protection did not have quorum.  
Fiscal #12 - \$ 11,982.84 WELFARE DEPT. - Mrs. McInerney will discuss.  
Fiscal #13 - \$ 45,181.00 YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU - H&P Committee had no quorum.  
Fiscal #17 - \$ 2,880.00 PAYROLL DEPT. - Personnel Committee voted to reject.

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Note: The following items are APPROVED to go ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Fiscal #7 - \$ 29,474.00 COMMUNITY RETURN.  
Fiscal #11 - \$ 1,260.00 FIRE DEPT.  
Fiscal #14 - \$511,869.00 STAMFORD DAY CARE PROGRAM.  
Fiscal #15 - \$ 35,000.00 STAMFORD DAY CARE PROGRAM.

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FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

continued...list of items to go on CONSENT AGENDA:

Fiscal #16 - \$ 250.00 COMMISSION ON AGING.

Fiscal #19 - \$ 75,000.00 RESCIND TRANSFER RE SEWER COMMISSION.

Fiscal #20 - \$326,611.88 TRANSFER OF FUNDS RE SEWER COMMISSION.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said on Item #1, \$180,275.61 for MEA labor contract, the Committee voted 4 in favor and 1 against and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI said Personnel met on July 26th and voted 4 in favor and 1 Abstention to approve.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote and the MOTION CARRIED with 2 NO Votes (Mrs. McInerney and Mrs. Hawe); 2 ABSTENTIONS, Mr. Festo and Mrs. Maihock; the rest YES.

(1) \$180,275.61 - MEA LABOR CONTRACT for 1977-1978 retroactive.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said on Item #2 this is for Remedial Mathematics for St. Gabriel's School, and is 100% reimbursable grant. Fiscal voted 5-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MRS. RITCHIE said Education, Welfare and Government concurred.

MR. SIGNORE said if Mrs. Goldstein can answer his questions, he is willing to go back and put items 2, 3, 4, and 5 on the Consent Agenda. Does 100% reimbursable mean that the entire program is paid by the State or Federal government giving the grant and that we are not enlarging a program and the City is not coming up with any additional money to keep it going.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said these programs are for grants over and above the education given the children; they are 100% reimbursed and that the programs are for the term as specified in the grant request and there is nothing to fear on that score.

MR. DeLUCA said Adele Gordon, President of the Board of Education, told them if the grants were to stop, all those teachers who were hired for the grant positions would be let go, and that it is not an expansion of any program; that once the grants cease, the teachers would also cease working.

(2) \$ 6,954.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - S.A.D.C. Non-Public School Remedial Math.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote, and the motion CARRIED with one NO vote (Mrs. Perillo), and the rest YES.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said item #3 for English as a second language for Holy Name and Sacred Heart Schools received a 5-0 vote in favor by the Committee and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MRS. RITCHIE said Education, Welfare and Government concurred.

MR. SIGNORE asked what they meant by English as a second language.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN responded it was 45 minutes of instructional help for children whose dominant language is not English, but they speak English.

(3) \$ 68,782.67 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - English as a Second Language: Non-public.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote and the MOTION was APPROVED with 2 NO votes (Mrs. Perillo and Mrs. McInerney); 1 ABSTENTION (Mrs. Maihock); REST YES votes.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 5-0 in favor of Item #4 for ASPIRATION-EDUCATION and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN answered questions from Mr. Signore, Mr. Blum, Mrs. Maihock, and Mrs. McInerney as to the number of children served by this grant, the staffing, and similar points such as qualifications of staff, and results.

MR. MORGAN asked that members who were in the Republican Caucus Room to please return to their seats and give the speaker their attention.

(4) \$834,594.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - ASPIRATION-EDUCATION.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote and the MOTION was APPROVED with 26 YES VOTES; 3 NO votes, and 7 Abstentions.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said #5 is a 100% reimbursable grant for English as the second language in middle and senior high school; is a 12-year-old program, and Fiscal voted 5-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MRS. RITCHIE said her committee, EW&G, concurred.

MRS. McINERNEY asked for figures on the mean percentile gains in understanding, speaking, reading and writing English in this on-going program; how many actually increased their ability. She asked Mrs. Goldstein to obtain this information as it would be valuable to all Board members.

MR. FERRARA MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED. CARRIED.

(5) \$202,299.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - COMPENSATORY INSTRUCTION FOR EDUCATIONALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS (S.A.D.C.).

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on item #5. MOTION was APPROVED with 2 NO votes (Mrs. Perillo and Mrs. McInerney); rest YES votes.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 4-1 in favor of Item #6 for \$21,600.00 for the 100% reimbursable grant for DIAGNOSIS AND EVALUATION OF REFERRED BI-LINGUAL STUDENTS AND/OR PRESENTLY-SERVED HANDICAPPED STUDENTS. She MOVED for approval. SECONDED.

MRS. RITCHIE said EW&G concurred.

MRS. HAWES said this was voted down at a previous meeting. That it is a program which teaches children in their native language, in Spanish, rather than try to teach them English and she thinks perhaps we should vote it down again.

MR. SIGNORE agreed with Mrs. Hawes.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. RAYMOND said she spoke against this program back in June when funds were requested for Bi-Lingual education. She quoted from a July article in the WASHINGTON POST: "A nation-wide survey of bi-lingual education has concluded that the programs are teaching youngsters their native language but at the expense of learning English." This survey was conducted by the American Institute of Palo Alto at the request of HEW. In all good conscience, whether it be mandated or not, how can we vote to continue putting money into a program that has shown it is not beneficial and is not doing what it was hoped it would do, and that we cannot vote for this.

MR. POLLARD asked if this was indeed the same resolution that was defeated recently, and Mrs. Goldstein said it was, and it went through the appropriation process again.

MRS. McINERNEY said we would do a great dis-service to this country because in the event of a national emergency, were it necessary to re-activate the draft, you would also have to re-activate Spanish teachers so those people would know what they were doing while in the military; and it's about time we started having people who come to this country, adapt to our language; that other people have done it and there is no reason why it can't be done now. It's becoming a national disgrace.

MR. WIDER pointed out that Spanish-speaking people have built up quite a political power and the political programs and grants coming down the pike are because of their action on State and Federal levels, and that we should not cut off our noses to spite our faces.

MR. BAXTER asked Mrs. Goldstein why the Board of Education could not pay for this program out of the 35 or 40 million dollars we appropriated to them, knowing the Federal government will reimburse them.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said they would pay it out of their budget if we do not vote for it tonight as this is a mandated program.

MR. FERRARA MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED. CARRIED.

(6) \$ 21,600.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION. Bi-Lingual and Handicapped.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on item #6.

MR. WILMOT made a POINT OF ORDER asking what vote is necessary to carry.

MR. MORGAN said a simple majority.

MRS. HAWE said POINT OF ORDER, aren't additional appropriations required to have two-thirds approval? MR. SIGNORE said last time we voted on this, we needed 2/3. Reference was made to an opinion from the Law Dept. some years back.

MR. MORGAN said the CHAIR rules a simple majority is required and Mr. Signore could challenge if he wished.

MR. SIGNORE challenged the ruling of the Chair. Mr. Pollard SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI said before we vote, is there anything in writing from Corporation Counsel to substantiate this as a vote may not be necessary.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MORGAN said yes, that Mrs. Goldstein has it.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said it is very long, that she got it from Mrs. McEvoy this evening, but that she did receive it in the mail also on July 14th; that Mr. Fox requested an opinion from Mr. Murray about vote needed on June 28th. Mr. Murray responded that pursuant to an opinion handed down March 11, 1975 a simple majority is need for a reimbursable grant. She said Mr. Signore is quite correct that over the last.....

MR. BLUM called for a POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE (interrupting Mrs. Goldstein), saying here ia a very important opinion that came from Corporation Counsel which affects the vote of everyone and we do not have a copy and aren't we entitled to one.

MR. MORGAN said Mr. Blum was out-of-order, that his Point of Personal Privilege was not that, and he asked Mrs. Goldstein to continue.

MRS. MORGAN said we have customarily used the norm of two-thirds vote required for this kind of appropriation but this opinion states differently.

MR. BAXTER said Corporation Counsel opinions are advisory in nature and we are not required to follow it, and can act and interpret our own powers as we choose to, and that Corporation Counsel's opinion is merely an aid for us. The issue now is the Challenge to the Chair's ruling and we should focus on this, not the opinion.

MR. DIXON asked on a Point of Order whether he understood correctly that this was a non-debatable motion.

MR. BAXTER said the last challenge to the Chair was made by himself to Mr. Fox, which lost, but Mr. Fox ruled it was non-debatable and proceeded to allow debate. Mr. Baxter thinks this is an important item and while it is technically not debatable, Mr. Morgan has allowed debate and he suggests that Mr. Morgan let it continue, but does have it in his power to close debate.

MR. HAYS MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED. CARRIED with 26 YES, 9 NO.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on the challenge to the Chair, stating that a YES vote supports the Chair and a NO vote supports Mr. Signore's challenge. The Ruling of the CHAIR is SUSTAINED with 25 YES votes and 11 NO votes.

MR. BAXTER commented on the Main Motion that he would vote NO as he considered it a serious mistake to vote for anyadditional appropriation requiring only 51% of the vote, because when we vote for additional money in the hope that the State or Federal government will come through andpay it off, and if it doesn't come through for some reason or other and pay it off, we will pay every cent of it just as if it were an additional appropriation. The absence of thesafeguard of a two-thirds vote on this is going to cause Mr. Baxter to vote against every single additional approp-riation 100% grant until the Chair changes its ruling.

MR. WIDER MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. MORGAN commented before the vote was taken, that there were three members waiting to speak: Mr. Schlechtweg, Mr. Esposito, and Mr. Ferrara.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on the Main Motion, and it CARRIED with 20 YES; 15 NO; and 1 ABSTENTION.

MR. BAXTER said he would like to record to reflect his opinion that this vote does NOT comply with the Charter and that reliance on it would be in jeopardy, and he would like that record to reflect it that let the school board spend this money if it dare.

MR. SIGNORE said he agreed with Mr. Baxter and seconded his motion.

(8) \$ 22,100.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT- W.I.C.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is an additional appropriation to cover the cost of the W.I.C. Program through 9/30/78, and a 100% reimbursable grant. Fiscal voted 4-1 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. BLUM said Health and Protection did not meet, did not have a quorum that evening.

MR. MORGAN called for motion to Suspend the Rules. MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MRS. HAWE urged her fellow Representatives to vote against this, that this money is for administrative costs, that there is some problem with this program, that it is abused and persons not eligible for assistance have been offered it.

MR. BOCCUZZI said if someone in the Health Dept. is not doing their job, why should people who need this program be jeopardized. The Health Director should be asked to investigate to determine who is supposed to be handing out vouchers illegally, and correct that situation if indeed it does exist. Mrs. Goldstein agreed.

MR. DARER MOVED THE QUESTION. MR. MORGAN said Mr. Wider, Mrs. McInerney and Mrs. Perillo are on the list to speak.

MRS. PERILLO asked that Mr. Darer Reconsider as she heard something different about this program and she wished to speak on it.

MR. MORGAN said that Mr. Schlechtweg has now removed his SECONDDING motion, and there is no other Second, so Mr. Darer is without a second and the motion fails.

MR. WIDER said we should deal with the people, the recipients of the grants, not the grants themselves. The need is there and the administration of the grants should be tightened up and corrected where necessary.

MRS. MCINERNEY said the W.I.C. Program obviously does service the needs of many, but that this item ought to go back to committee and a meeting held with Dr. Gofstein to try to resolve the inefficiencies within the administration of the program and she so MOVED. SECONDED by Mr. Signore.

MR. LIVINGSTON said we should not jeopardize the grant for the reasons mentioned by possibly a late filing, but rather should approve it and then seek out the villains.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Mr. Hogan on the Health Department is working on improvements in this program already.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. PERILLO said she was suspicious of this program some time ago as people came into her place of business with coupons, vouchers, and she questioned them about it. It was just for the poor when the program first started about 3 years ago. They found they did not have enough poor people and rather than lose the grant, they opened it up to everyone, with no limit, and this was done in other cities, not just Stamford.

MR. WIDER MOVED THE QUESTION ON MRS. McINERNEY'S Motion to put back into committee. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on Mrs. McInerney's motion to put back into committee. SECONDED. The vote is 16 YES; 16 NO, by machine, and the MOTION is LOST.

MR. LIVINGSTON made a MOTION that some committee look into this matter and report back to the Board to see if they are following Federal guidelines.

MR. BOCCUZZI said Mrs. Goldstein's Motion is on the floor and it takes precedence over Mr. Livingston's Motion.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said if the Board wishes, he would address a letter to the Health Dept. asking them to respond outlining how they do prevent any abuses in this program, and she would be willing to move afterwards.

MR. BLUM MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on the Main Motion, for \$22,100.00 for W.I.C. The MOTION is LOST with 15 YES and 18 NO, and 3 ABSTENTIONS.

MR. WIESLEY MOVED that the meeting be ADJOURNED, due to the lateness of the hour, to another time, like tomorrow night. at 7:30 P.M. SECONDED.

MR. BAXTER called for a three-minute recess so Leadership can discuss this Motion.

RECESS lasted from 12:15 to 12:25 A.M.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on the Motion to Adjourn. LOST with 12 YES; 20 NO.

MR. MORGAN called the meeting to order and said they would try to finish the Fiscal items tonight.

(9) \$ 2,180.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - VENEREAL DISEASE.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 5-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. MORGAN said there was no report from the secondary committee so a Motion was needed to waive that report. MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on the Main Motion for \$2,180.00 CARRIED with 1 NO vote (Mrs. McInerney); rest YES Votes.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said item #10 to hire additional firefighters to bring the department up to its authorized strength of 208 men was approved 5-0 and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. MORGAN said Health and Protection did not meet so a Motion to Waive the report of a secondary committee was necessary. MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN also said that the amount had been reduced to \$69,440.00 to reflect the starting date of September 1st for eight of the men.

MR. SIGNORE asked what was required in the way of a vote, simple majority or 2/3. MR. MORGAN replied two-thirds.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on the Main Motion which CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (10) \$78,400.00 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - SALARIES.  
REDUCED TO  
\$69,440.00

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Item #12 is next for the CASEWORKERS' CONTRACT, and Fiscal voted to approved 5-0 and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

- (12) \$ 11,982.84 - WELFARE DEPARTMENT - SALARIES.

MR. ZELINSKI said Personnel met on July 26th and voted 5-0 in favor.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote and the Motion CARRIED with one NO vote (Mrs. McInerney) and the rest YES.

- (13) \$ 45,181.00 - YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is broken up in two parts. First is for \$22,222.00, a continuation of emergency shelter program contracted out to Drug Liberation, and an Out-Reach Counseling Program for the local Hispanic Community. Of this \$1,111.00 is the City's portion of the grant, the remainder coming from State and Federal. Second part is \$22,959.00 to provide counseling to target area families, to be contracted out to Family and Children's Services and the Community Mental Health Services. \$2,296.00 is the City's portion of the grant and rest coming from the Federal Government. Fiscal voted 5-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. MORGAN said Health and Protection did not meet so a motion is needed to waive secondary committee report. MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on the Main Motion. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (17) \$ 2,880.00 - PAYROLL DEPARTMENT.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Dr. Hoffman advised this person was necessary to get the kinks out of the new system, even though they had been promised no more money beyond the \$35,000.00 previously approved would be requested. That this was a 10-week obligation on our part and the person would not be needed any longer. Reluctant to approve this, but heeding Dr. Hoffman's strong plea, Fiscal voted 5-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI said Personnel met on July 26th and voted to reject this, 3 to reject and 2 abstentions.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MORGAN said the secondary committee does not concur so there will have to be a motion from the floor to second it. Mr. Darer seconds it. Any discussion?

MR. DeLUCA said he is disturbed that on two different occasions they were told that \$35,000.00 would cover the program. Now here is an additional appropriation. Also Dr. Hoffman transferred \$2,800.00 from a surplus salary account to cover this particular item. This brings it up to \$5,680.00 extra. He will reject this.

MR. BAXTER said each Board as it comes into office abhors the additional appropriation system and vow to correct whatever abuses have crept into the Board before it. That was how it was in the 14th Board, and that assuredly was how it was with this Board, and what has just been disclosed is enough to make me feel that I will not vote for any additional appropriation that represents such an over-run. We either mean it, or we don't when we appropriate money; and he can figure out how to take care of ten weeks' worth of effort that was going to cost \$2,800.00 even if he has to do it himself.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on the \$2,880.00, item #17. The Motion is LOST, with 8 YES, 20 NO, 1 ABSTENTION.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Item #18 is a resolution to authorize filing an application for a \$91,590.00 grant. This will get a simple computer system which catalogues and measures the range and kind of human services across the public and private sector. Fiscal voted 4 in favor and 1 abstention and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. DARER said when he and Mr. Wider presented the report of the Housing and Community Development Committee on Community Development Funds for this year, this was one of the projects they mentioned in the report and he concurs that it should be approved.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote and the MOTION CARRIED with 22 YES votes, 1 NO vote, and 1 ABSTENTION, on Item #18.

- (18) RESOLUTION REQUESTED AUTHORIZING FILING OF APPLICATION FUNDING PROPOSAL TO FURTHER THE UNIFORM DATA COLLECTION PROJECT INITIATED JOINTLY BY THE SCDP AND THE UNITED WAY-FROM HEW.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Items 19 and 20 are on the Consent Agenda. Item #21 is an amendment to the capital projects budget for Parks Dept. and because Fiscal did not have the opportunity to meet with the Park Dept., we voted 5-0 to HOLD IN COMMITTEE.

- (21) AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL BUDGETS - DEPT. OF PARKS -- TRANSFERS, ETC.

- (22) \$221,435.00 - MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION PLAN - 5.5% Cost-of-Living.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: This is an additional appropriation to cover a 5.5% across the board Cost of Living increase to the M.A.A. retroactive to July 1, 1977. Fiscal voted to HOLD IN COMMITTEE.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The last item, I would like to MOVE to SUSPEND THE RULES for, and that is a \$35,000.00 emergency appropriation for a new validated test for the Firefighters. SECONDED.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on Suspension of Rules. MOTION CARRIED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: This is to cover the cost of consultants to define and develop a validated selection process for the firefighters which assures the selection process does what it is supposed to do and that is to get a good firefighter. The consultants will develop a job-related exam that would distinguish between candidates that can do the specific job, and they will also assist in recruitment and be available to the City in case of a court challenge. Fiscal voted 5-0 in favor and I so MOVE. SECONDED.

MR. DeLUCA said he was present when Mr. Bernstein discussed this \$35,000 and why we should go for it. Mr. Bernstein stated that even with the consultants, there is no guarantee that this test would be accepted in the courts. Mayor Mandanici of Bridgeport has appealed their case to a higher court. We have a good Law Department and high-priced people in our Personnel Dept. and it behooves me to think that these people cannot come up with an exam that would be appropriate and we should go out and spend \$35,000.00 for a consultant and still not be guaranteed it will be accepted in court would be a waste of taxpayers' money.

MR. BAXTER said the problem is not with Personnel or Law, but with the standards applied by the various courts and their interpretation by the different judges.

MR. SIGNORE said he looks at Item #22 and the Management Compensation Plan and sees some real fat salaries on that list and if we're paying people with that kind of money, they should be able to come up with good exams for all the different departments without having to go out looking for consultants. He will vote against this.

MR. DARER MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED. CARRIED with some No votes. (No names left on list to speak.)

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on the Main Motion, \$35,000.00, The MOTION LOST with 15 YES, 13 NO, 2 ABSTENTIONS.

(23) \$35,000.00 - PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT - Code 270.5311. - CONSULTANT, STUDY, ETC.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN MOVED for adoption of the CONSENT AGENDA, for Fiscal Items #7, #11, #14, #15, #16, #19. #20. SECONDED.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on the adoption of the CONSENT AGENDA and it CARRIED.

MR. MORGAN said it would be proper at this point to entertain a Motion to Adjourn as the Fiscal items had been completed. (There were a lot of no's in the background.) He asked if the members wanted to continue.

MR. SIGNORE said that on Item #23 for the \$35,000.00, he was on the Prevailing Side and would recall his vote if the matter is that important so it could be Reconsidered.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on the MOTION TO RECONSIDER. SECONDED by a number of persons on the Prevailing Side. CARRIED on a voice vote.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MORGAN said he would like to speak on this item, and in that capacity would not be Chairing the meeting. He said he would like to tell the members of his experience. That he walks in Bridgeport every afternoon in his campaign for Congress. He knocks on doors and talks to people. An incredible set of circumstances surrounds this question of the court decision. Bridgeport does not have two million dollars lying around so they are appealing the decision to a higher court. Stamford is susceptible to the same kind of a suit. We can avoid that by approving this consultant contract and begin giving a validated exam.

MR. ZELINSKI said there was \$138,000.00 in the Personnel Dept. in salaries in the M.A.A. schedule so we should have enough expertise to make up a test ourselves. He said he sees no reason why there isn't another way to obtain a test than having to pay \$35,000.00. Can't we go to another City in Connecticut or even New York and get a copy of their test? He doesn't think all avenues have been explored and will not vote for this expenditure and he hoped the other members would also turn it down.

MR. DARER is opposed to this expenditure for several reasons. One is that if it is the Fire Dept. today, it can be any or all the other departments another time. That we ought not to panic because of something to occurred in Bridgeport and we should use the wisdom of our staff. If we can't get a good exam from our own Personnel Dept., then there is something wrong with those personnel. They're professionals, they're getting good money and ought to be able to come up with a good exam. We must stand up for the rights of the people of this City and must have fire-fighters who can protect the populace, are competent, and we should be able to accomplish this and also comply with affirmative action guidelines.

MR. SIGNORE MOVED THE QUESTION.

MR. MORGAN said there were no other speakers so the motion is not necessary. He called for a vote on the Main Motion, the Reconsideration of \$35,000.00 for the fire exam. The MOTION is LOST with 16 YES; 13 NO; 1 ABSTENTION.

MRS. MAIHOCK asked for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES for the taxpayers of Stamford, to hear Item #1 under CHARTER REVISION now. SECONDED.

MR. DIXON said it was agreed, he understood, by the Leadership that this meeting would be adjourned after the Fiscal items were completed. He MOVED TO ADJOURN, until tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. SECONDED.

MR. MORGAN said a Motion to Adjourn is not debatable. He called for a vote and the MOTION LOST with 8 YES and 19 NO.

MR. MORGAN then called for a vote on the Motion to Suspend the Rules which had already been SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. LOOMIS said the CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE is meeting Wednesday to listen to the various people in Stamford to tell the Committee in what direction they should go, and he expects they would hear from the Finance Board, the Mayor, SACIA, and a number of special-interest groups, the taxpayers, the League of Women Voters, and others. After hearing the views of various people, it is their clear intent to present to the Board a recommendation to appoint a Charter Revision Commission at the September meeting. Also to recommend some phrasing of a tax issue in the charge to the Commission.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. MAIHOCK said she felt very strongly a choice must be given the people. All over America, people are upset by deficit-spending which means higher taxes and inflation. Inflation hits hardest at the economically-prudent who saved and then see their savings melt away. The beneficiary victims of this inflation will be our children. It is right and fitting that we permit a referendum and that we do so at a regular election rather than fund a special election and waste more money to permit a public opinion vote on this subject.

MRS. McINERNEY said in the past few weeks over 6,000 people in the City have made their wishes clear through a petition drive and we must address that point at this time, not next month. They want tax reform and tax relief. These petitions are from people who live in all 20 districts, north, south, east and west. She said she is making a resolution at this time to bring out of Charter Revision Committee this issue right now and discuss it on the floor. That a Charter Revision Commission be empaneled for one purpose only, that being the limiting of spending, taxation and bonded indebtedness. That it be made up of 5 members, to include the Commissioner of Finance and four members of the community-at-large. That it be empowered to address only one issue, that being fiscal limitations for the City. She is not opposed to a special election if that should be necessary as \$12,000 to \$15,000 is a pittance, one or two dollars per taxpayer. She said we are morally and duty-bound to address this issue now and she MOVED to take it out of committee.

MR. BAXTER said he felt the Board should go along with Mr. Loomis and his Committee and wait for their report next month.

MR. LOOMIS said he felt Mrs. McInerney and he were not that far apart and his Committee should hear the different views of the various people at the meeting which he has scheduled before restricting the scope of the work of the Commission.

MR. POLLARD said he would like to make a MOTION to ADJOURN until next Monday night, August 14th, when this subject could be resumed as the first item of the Agenda and this would give Mr. Loomis time to have his meeting this coming Wednesday and make his report next Monday. SECONDED. Monday, August 14th at 7:30 P.M.

MR. BAXTER amended Mr. Pollard's motion to include 7:30 p.m. as the starting time for the meeting but that it be tomorrow, Tuesday, August 8th. He later withdrew it after Mr. Pollard again pointed out that he chose Monday, August 14th. to give Mr. Loomis time to have the Charter Revision Committee meet on Wednesday.

MR. MORGAN called for a vote on the motion to adjourn to 7:30 p.m. Monday, August 14, 1978. MOTION CARRIED with 15 yes votes, 11 No votes.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Board this evening, upon MOTION duly made, SECONDED, and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 A.M.

APPROVED:

By:

*Helen M. McEvoy*  
Helen M. McEvoy, Administrative Assistant  
(and Recording Secretary)

*John Wayne Fox*  
John Wayne Fox, President  
15th Board of Representatives

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